AGENDA

CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, July 10, 2008 • 8:30 a.m. • Room C250 State Capitol

Background materials are available at http://www.le.utah.gov/asp/interim/Commit.asp?Year=2008&Com=SPECWL

Approximate Time Frame

8:30 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting

8:35 2. Division of Child and Family Services Reports

- Overview of compliance with David C. exit agreement
- David C. exit agreement reports
 - Case process review
 - Qualitative case reviews
 - Quarterly report
 - Safety and well being of Utah's children
 - Child fatality review annual report
 - Caseload data
 - Workload study
 - Child and Family Services Review data, including PIP
 - Director's annual report
 - Identification of financial needs and adequacy of resources
- Other reports
 - Governor's Child and Family Cabinet Council
 - Follow-up on data distributed at the November 5, 2007 meeting
 - Racial disparities
 - Kin placements in divorce situations

9:20 3. Follow-up on Recommendations by the Oversight Panel and Other 2008 Legislation and Appropriations

The Oversight Panel will review the status of child welfare legislation considered during the 2008 General Session, including the following legislation and appropriation it recommended last year:

- Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Management and Licensing Information Systems Amendments (G. Davis)
- Waivers of Immunity Exceptions (G. Hughes)
- Child Welfare Amendments (W. Harper)
- Child Welfare Definitions (W. Harper)
- Increase Guardian ad Litem Funding by \$761,900 (\$706,700 ongoing, \$55,200 one-

time) to fund the following:

- an increase in attorney salaries
- six additional attorneys and three additional support staff
- an increase in the hourly rate and cap paid to outside counsel for cases where the GAL has a conflict of interest
- two additional motor pool vehicles

9:30 4. Utah Foster Care Foundation

The Oversight Panel will receive reports on the recruitment, retention, training, and needs of foster parents in Utah.

10:10 5. Other Business

10:15 6. Adjourn